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U.S. Fleet Forces Command to Announce 2012 Fleet Sea, Shore Sailors of the Year

NORFOLK, Va. – Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces (USFF) will announce the 2012 U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) Sea and Shore Fleet Sailors of the Year during a ceremony Wednesday, March 27, at the Sheraton Waterside in Norfolk.

Following the announcement from Adm. Bill Gortney, the Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year will travel to Washington, D.C. in May and be meritoriously promoted to chief petty officer by the Chief of Naval Operations, while the Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year will move forward in one more round of competition for the Chief of Naval Operations Shore Sailor of the Year.

The U.S. Fleet Forces Command Sailor of the Year program exists to recognize the best and brightest Sailors throughout USFF. A total of 12 candidates are in competition for the two honors. The week-long Sailor of the Year activities included competition as well as social functions that honor the nominees' service.

Candidates nominated for Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year are:

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Ananda I. Badon
Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 (MWSS-273/2D, Beaufort, SC)

Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 1st Class (IDC/SG/SW) Keith W. Boyd
Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC), Hawaii

Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SS) William E. Cox
USS Montpelier (SSN 765), Norfolk, VA

Electronics Technician 1st Class (EXW/SW) William Hicks

Navy Expeditionary Combat Command's Riverine Squadron 3, Virginia Beach, VA

Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 1st Class (SW/IDW) Joshua K. Mathison
USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20), Gaeta, Italy

Navy Career Counselor 1st Class (SW/AW) Erika C. Rogers
USS Oak Hill (LSD 51), Virginia Beach, VA

Electronics Technician 1st Class (AW/SW) Cheyenne N. Shasky
USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Norfolk, VA

Candidates nominated for Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year are:

Aviation Electrician's Mate 1st Class (AW) Christopher J. Anderson
Strike Fighter Squadron 106 (VFA 106), Virginia Beach, VA

Yeoman 1st Class (SW/AW) Philip Hamilton
U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, VA

Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 1st Class (IDW/AW) Shanon N. McQueen
Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC), Maryland

Operations Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Jermaine L. Moore
Afloat Training Group (ATG), Norfolk, VA

Logistics Specialist 1st Class (SCW) Latoya R. Rogers
Naval Construction Group Two (20 SRG), Gulfport, MS

Media wishing to attend the Fleet Sailor of the Year announcement should contact Chief Mary Popejoy at (757) 836-8390 or marv.popejoy@navy.mil no later than Tuesday, March 26 at 3 p.m.

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